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Rewald investors' spokesman says he will appeal sex assault ruling

Former chiropractor L. Ted Frigard, who has emerged as a spokesman for some investors in the Bishop Baldwin case, said yesterday he will appeal a California civil court ruling that he is liable for a sexual assault on a patient in Stockton, Calif., in 1978.

Frigard, well-known in his profession for more than two decades, gained some publicity in Honolulu when he filed a \$10 million suit saying the CIA was responsible for his loss of \$300,000 invested in Bishop Baldwin Rewald Dillingham & Wong.

Stockton Superior Court Judge K. Peter Saiers, in a written decision reported last week, awarded \$14,500 for emotional distress and \$20,000 punitive damages to a woman who said Frigard treated her for a neck injury, put her on a vibrating table, turned it on and raped her.

The woman had sued for \$5 million; the judge said the verdict

would have been higher except that Frigard has little assets or property.

Frigard said yesterday he was stunned at the decision, absolutely denies the allegations, and will appeal the verdict.

Frigard lost his chiropractic license in California after he entered a "no contest" plea to a misdemeanor charge of battery on another woman who had accused him of rape. That victim has a \$5 million suit pending against Frigard in civil court.

He was represented in the 1978 criminal case by Melvin Belli, who is now handling Frigard's suit against the CIA. He was given a suspended jail sentence and a \$500 fine in the criminal case.

The California Board of Chiropractic Examiners revoked Frigard's license in 1979 on grounds of "various sexual acts and erotic behavior with female patients" over a 12-year period.

He moved to Hawaii in 1979.